

Part II

Service Area Data Profiles

Los Angeles County

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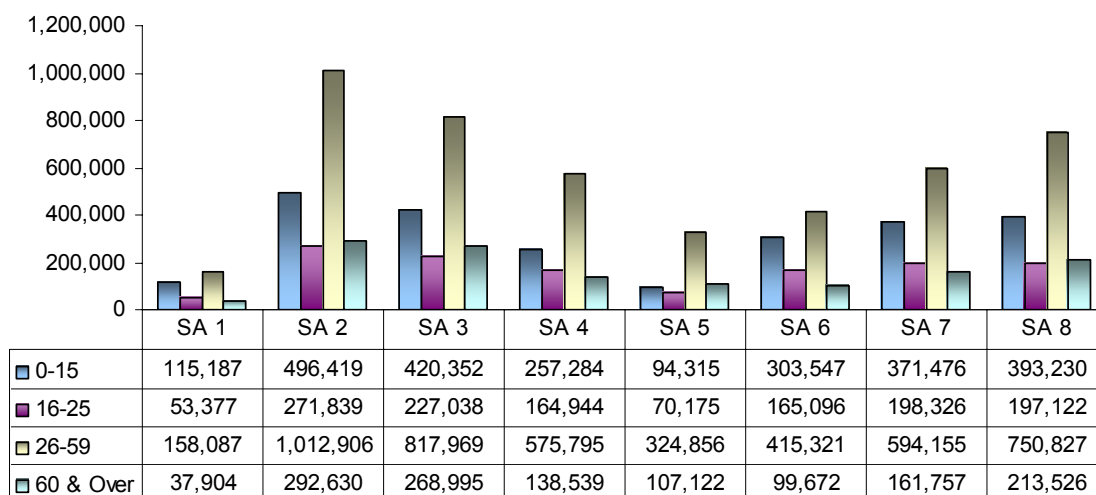
Service Area 8: South Bay

Demographic Profile of Los Angeles County

ENCOMPASSING 4,084 SQUARE MILES, Los Angeles County is one of the nation's largest counties in area. Approximately 27 percent of California's residents live in Los Angeles County. There are 88 cities within the county, each with its own city council. All of the cities, in varying degrees, contract with the county to provide municipal services. Thirty-seven contract for nearly all of their municipal services. More than 65 per-

cent of the county is unincorporated. For the one million people living in those areas, the Board of Supervisors is their "city council" and county departments provide the municipal services. The county, with 102,383.8 budgeted positions, is the largest employer in the five-county region. Of these budgeted positions, 31,627 are in law and justice, 29,098.8 are in health services, and 22,224.5 are in social services.

Figure 2.1
Population by PEI Age Groups



Population

In 2005, Los Angeles County had a total population of 9.8 million – 4.9 million (51 percent) females and 4.8 million (49 percent) males. This was the largest population of any county in the nation, and is exceeded by only eight states. The median age was 33.7 years, which made it one of the most youthful areas in the country. Twenty-eight percent of the population was under 18 years and 10 percent was 65 years and older. Across the county, Service Areas 2 and 3 contain almost 40% of the entire population. Correspondingly, they have the largest numbers of children and older adults in the county.

Ethnicity

Ethnically, the county is composed of a population that literally spans the globe. In this report, we attempt to provide you with as much detail as possible in terms of ethnic populations. Because various data sources are consulted, the reader must be clear on any categorical differences involving ethnic counts before making comparisons across groups. For example, a gross summary of the county's ethnic populations is commonly reported as in Table 2.1:

Table 2.0
PEI Age Groups Across Los Angeles County (percent of population)

	0-15	16-25	26-59	60+	Total
Within Service Areas ¹					
Service Area 1	31.6	14.6	43.4	10.4	100.0
Service Area 2	23.9	13.1	48.8	14.1	100.0
Service Area 3	24.2	13.1	47.2	15.5	100.0
Service Area 4	22.6	14.5	50.7	12.2	100.0
Service Area 5	15.8	11.8	54.5	18.0	100.0
Service Area 6	30.9	16.8	42.2	10.1	100.0
Service Area 7	28.0	15.0	44.8	12.2	100.0
Service Area 8	25.3	12.7	48.3	13.7	100.0
Total	25.1	13.8	47.6	13.5	100.0
Between Service Areas ²					
Service Area 1	4.7	4.0	3.4	2.9	3.7
Service Area 2	20.2	20.2	21.8	22.2	21.2
Service Area 3	17.1	16.8	17.6	20.4	17.8
Service Area 4	10.5	12.2	12.4	10.5	11.6
Service Area 5	3.8	5.2	7.0	8.1	6.1
Service Area 6	12.4	12.2	8.9	7.6	10.1
Service Area 7	15.2	14.7	12.8	12.3	13.6
Service Area 8	16.0	14.6	16.1	16.2	15.9
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Table 2.1

Ethnicity Across Los Angeles County —
Abbreviated Summary

⌘ Hispanic	47%
⌘ White non-Hispanic	30%
⌘ Asian	13%
⌘ African-American	9%
⌘ American Indian and Alaskan Native	1%
⌘ Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	< 0.5%

Table 2.2 provides a more detailed breakdown of the county's population, in some cases by categorizing ethnicities more specifically. Notice that the numbers from both tables are consistent, but not exactly so, owing to the differences in reporting.

In terms of heritage, 36% of the people living in Los Angeles County in 2005 were foreign-born. 64% were native-born, including 47 percent who were born in California. Among people at least five years old in Los Angeles County in 2005, 60.1% spoke a language other than English at home. Of these, 61.8% spoke Spanish.

Households

In 2005, across the county, there were 3.2 million households with an average household size of 2.6 people. Of these, families made up 67% of the all households and married-couple families accounted for almost half of all households (45%). Non-family households (33%) mostly involved people living alone, but some were composed of people living in households in which no one was related to the householder.

Figure 2.3
Types of Households in Los Angeles County

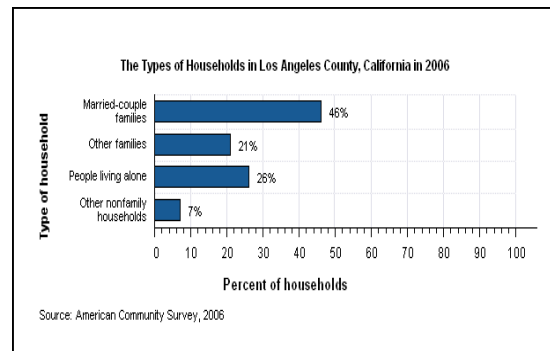


Figure 2.2
Numbers of Spanish Speakers by Census Tract

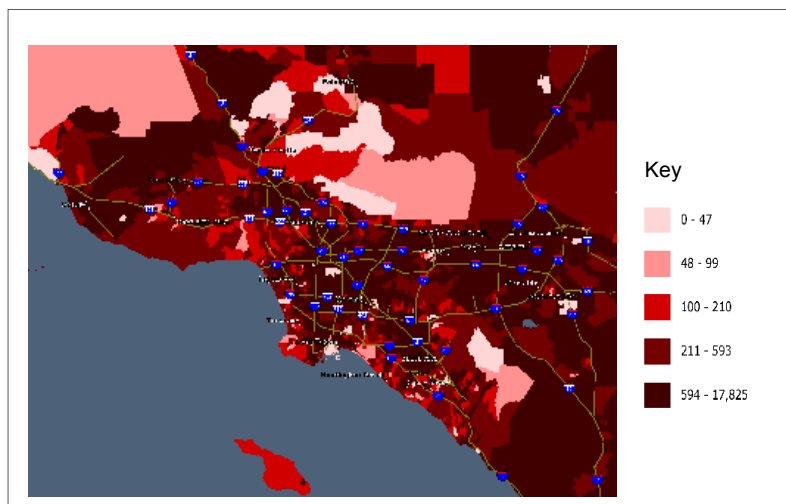


Table 2.2
Ethnicity Across Los Angeles County

	SA 1	SA 2	SA 3	SA 4	SA 5	SA 6	SA 7	SA 8	Countywide	Percent
African-American	44,897	78,129	78,233	56,874	47,143	273,235	37,489	233,612	849,612	8.7
American Indian	1,042	5,758	2,514	3,505	624	1,106	1,622	3,393	19,564	0.2
Armenian	1,147	125,339	10,177	15,592	1,776	57	3,346	3,378	160,812	1.6
Asian	14,404	172,433	399,619	186,780	66,249	15,177	118,224	215,998	1,188,884	12.2
Iranian	575	35,694	4,412	8,061	17,982	1,243	273	3,173	71,413	0.7
Latino	143,518	772,157	759,238	600,103	83,453	639,752	918,284	560,625	4,477,132	45.8
Pacific Islander	1,830	1,887	1,902	2,712	749	1,406	1,811	8,995	21,293	0.2
Russian	1,573	51,627	6,426	17,183	30,692	1,517	2,987	8,465	120,471	1.2
South Asian	541	28,379	12,505	11,776	8,439	2,201	12,134	13,586	89,561	0.9
Western European White	136,510	710,497	394,309	191,272	308,391	27,296	191,241	439,903	2,399,418	24.6
Other	931	7,706	6,787	6,727	2,122	5,950	1,674	4,920	36,816	0.4
Other Middle Eastern	2,726	32,650	13,497	10,211	13,440	1,404	6,166	6,131	86,225	0.9
Two or More Races	14,862	51,537	44,735	25,763	15,408	13,292	30,463	52,524	248,586	2.5
Total	364,556	2,073,793	1,734,354	1,136,559	596,468	983,636	1,325,714	1,554,703	9,769,783	
Percent	3.7	21.2	17.8	11.6	6.1	10.1	13.6	15.9	100.0	100.0

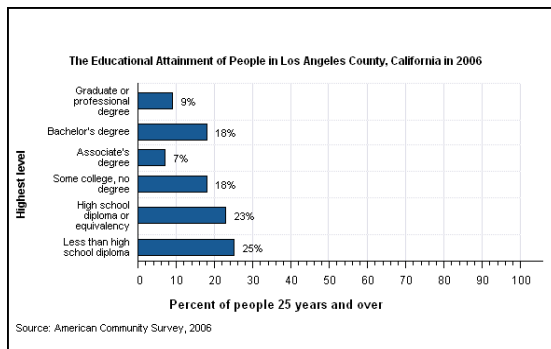
Table 2.3
Primary Language Across Los Angeles County

	SA 1	SA 2	SA 3	SA 4	SA 5	SA 6	SA 7	SA 8	Countywide	Percent
English	210,319	887,052	668,870	294,986	385,414	304,021	382,503	767,467	3,900,632	39.9
Spanish	102,021	650,752	549,444	524,439	68,231	557,391	716,291	445,951	3,614,519	37.0
Armenian	525	113,773	8,261	14,175	943	86	1,324	1,730	140,817	1.4
Farsi	632	36,294	2,709	7,585	18,008	1,521	379	2,359	69,488	0.7
Arabic	1,970	14,665	9,546	1,835	3,567	763	4,595	6,179	43,120	0.4
Russian	205	22,518	1,834	8,504	8,505	471	623	2,475	45,134	0.5
Cantonese	17	1,219	34,894	7,931	1,358	194	2,005	1,779	49,397	0.5
Chinese	432	6,508	108,955	13,873	6,361	2,293	14,489	13,174	166,085	1.7
Formosan	78	847	13,532	514	1,319	91	3,118	2,327	21,826	0.2
Mandarin	34	1,257	27,796	967	2,024	316	3,642	2,089	38,126	0.4
Cambodian	18	1,583	3,180	2,134	166	876	2,876	17,912	28,745	0.3
Korean	1,836	36,068	33,100	56,877	10,363	1,938	19,206	23,903	183,291	1.9
Vietnamese	1,367	15,312	44,583	3,909	3,425	529	5,592	12,425	87,142	0.9
Filipino	3,955	45,572	38,460	53,175	4,720	3,330	25,987	42,281	217,479	2.2
N/A or blank	35,372	139,440	129,708	88,683	30,417	96,709	107,435	130,843	758,607	7.8
All Other	5,774	100,934	59,483	56,975	51,646	13,107	35,650	81,811	405,379	4.1
Total	364,555	2,073,794	1,734,354	1,136,561	596,468	983,636	1,325,714	1,554,705	9,769,787	100.0

Education

In 2005, 74% of people 25 years and over had graduated from high school and 28% had a bachelor's degree or higher. 26% of this population were counted as dropouts; that is, they were not enrolled in school and had not graduated from high school. The total school enrollment in Los Angeles County was 2.9 million. Nursery school and kindergarten enrollment was 321,000 and elementary or high school enrollment was 1.9 million children. College or graduate school enrollment was 713,000.

Figure 2.4
Educational Attainment of People
in Los Angeles County



Disability

Among people at least five years old, 12% reported having a disability. The numbers of those having a disability increased by age as shown in the table below:

Table 2.4
Percent of Age Groups Having a Disability

Age Group	%
5—15 years	4
16—64 years	10
65+	44

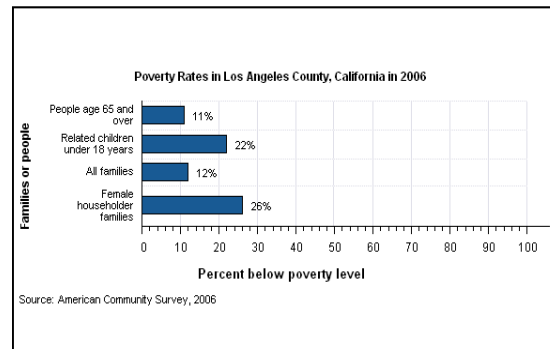
The ACS has one measure of mental disabil-

ity involving memory problems; 4.6% of the county's population reported having difficulty in remembering things.

Income and Poverty

The median household income in Los Angeles County was \$48,284 (Mean = \$63,244). 84% of the households received earnings; 21% of the households received Social Security; and 12% received retirement income other than Social Security. The average income from Social Security was \$12,856. These income sources were not mutually exclusive; that is, some households received income

Figure 2.5
Poverty Rates in Los Angeles County



from more than one source.

Across the county, large percentages of the population were living below the Federal Poverty Level (FPL). Figure 2.5 depicts these percentages for age groups and family status. Children NOW (2007) ranked Los Angeles County 39th (out of 58 California counties) in terms of Family Economic Well-Being.

